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SUBJECT: (Optional) Monthly Report -- Panama Bureau				
FROM: Chief, Operations Group		EXTENSION	NO.	
			DATE December 1987	
TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)	DATE		OFFICER'S INITIALS	COMMENTS (Number each comment to show from whom to whom. Draw a line across column after each comment.)
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1. C/Ops	13 Jan		B	STAT Life in the Field
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3. C/E&PS	1-14		J	
4. DD/FBIS	1/14		W	
5. D/FBIS	—		R	
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7. PO/RA	1/15		OM	
8. SA/CD	1/19		Ent	
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10. C/AS	21 Jan		CD	
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12. C/AG		22 Jan	W	
13. Admin Staff / PERS			J	
14. C/LOBs C/B&F			W	
15. Exec. Reg.				

5 January 1988
MPA-8001

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report — Panama Bureau — December 1987

I. GENERAL

1. We received our first taste of impending automation in December. Five Lockheed employees led by FBA veteran [] visited the bureau to install wiring and workstation drops and to conduct discussions and planning sessions related to FBA-1, which is scheduled to begin 11 January. The discussions clarified several points concerning FBA's impact on bureau operations and helped prepare us to face both the benefits and limitations of the new system.

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2. The local situation remained relatively quiet despite the Panamanian Government's expulsion of all USAID personnel, almost all of whom had left the country by the end of December. The government-controlled media continued their assaults on the embassy and "certain sectors" in the United States and at one point accused unnamed embassy officials here of being involved in a plot to assassinate General Noriega. Still, by month's end, President Delvalle had announced an amnesty for political prisoners, had freed the retired colonel whose charges last June ignited the current political unrest, and had announced measures to reopen the opposition media closed last summer. The impact of these measures and the worsening economic situation are the subjects of much speculation, and we await the next chapter in what seemingly has become a neverending saga.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/Monitorial

In what traditionally is a month of decreased activity in Latin America, Nicaragua maintained a high profile. The beginning of talks between the Nicaraguan resistance and government, a major pre-Christmas contra military offensive, the downing of another plane flown by a U.S. citizen, and numerous speeches and news conferences by the Ortega brothers kept Nicaragua constantly in our thoughts, if not our hearts. Efforts to find and monitor newscasts of Radio Catolica, the opposition radio recently returned to the air, required substantial bureau-contractor coordination and by month's end had resulted in our finding and covering two newscasts.

B. Technical

Headquarters sent us the following accountable property:

-- One compressor, Copeland MDL ORK2-350-TSK, Unit Price: \$2,135.25

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Monitor [] was promoted to FBN 8/1 effective 6 December. STAT
2. Monitor [] was promoted to FBN 7/1 effective 6 December. STAT
3. Editor [] departed Panama 11 December upon completion of her 12-week training TDY. STAT
4. Senior monitor [] finally returned to us after a 3-month TDY at Key West Bureau to help ease the workload there and assist in the training of Key West's new monitor/editor. With the completion of [] the Panama Bureau lend-lease program, monitorial division, has ended. STAT
5. The Panama Bureau lend-lease program, communications division, continued, however, as Communications Section Deputy Chief [] [] made her third TDY to Key West in 1987 to assist over the holidays. STAT
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B. Building and Grounds

Contractor [redacted] completed the new addition of the storage room to the bureau operations building, the installation of additional drains in the ROSET compound, and the double fencing around the entire compound.

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IV. VISITS

1. Field Engineering Division's [redacted] visited the bureau 2-17 December for orientation.

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2. FBIS finance officer [redacted] visited the bureau 9-14 December for consultations.

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3. Five Lockheed contractors visited the bureau 8-15 December to install FBA-1 wiring and brief bureau personnel on January's FBA installation.

V. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

1. While our traditional Santa, [redacted] was spreading holiday cheer in Key West on TDY, monitor [redacted] headed up the bureau's annual effort to collect toys and arrange a Christmas celebration for children of a selected village in Panama. For the 2d year in a row, the nearby village of Chiva Chiva was selected as the recipient of approximately 60 toys, each purchased or made for a particular child. Following a full night's (and morning's) celebrating at the bureau's own Christmas party, some hardy souls made the trip to Chiva Chiva on the morning of 20 December to oversee the party and deliver and distribute the gifts.

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2. The bureau's own Christmas festivities included two functions: a picnic at the Albrook Airbase bohio for employees' children on 12 December and a night of food and dance at the Ritz in Punta Paitilla on 19 December. Both events were well received, and Main Radio technician Jaime Bell garnered rave reviews for his portrayal of Santa Claus at the children's picnic.

3. Driving to work became even more of an adventure when a dump truck filled to capacity with offal and entrails from a local slaughterhouse spilled a good portion of its load [redacted] as the obstacle course to the bureau has come to be known. The first of us to encounter the slimey, smelly mass found an orderly deposit 10 feet

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wide, 1 1/2 feet high, and 20 yards long. Shortly thereafter we were having to honk at and dodge the hordes of turkey vultures that descended on the area for lunch. After a few days what had not been eaten by the vultures had been pounded into the road by the ever-passing garbage trucks. The smell, however, remained for weeks afterwards, as did the remnants of ears, horns, and tails that refused to be crushed.

4. The 5 puppies born to one of the bureau's guard dogs are doing well and growing fast. All will be starting the new year in new homes. Mother "Smiley" and aunties "La Bamba" and "Blackie" (named as a result of a bureau-wide contest) are looking forward to the peace and quiet of just chasing lizzards and pulling guard duty. Same can be said of bureau employees frequently found on bended knee in the parking lot making sure there are no little ones under their cars before leaving the compound.



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Chief, Panama Bureau

Panama Bureau Production Report for DECEMBER 1987

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	354650
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	33940
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	729

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	15012.00 min.	74700.00 min.	220.00 issues
III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES: (publishable words per month)			

ARGENTINA

Buenos Aires REUTER in Spanish		4460	
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CLANDESTINES

Clandestine Radio Farabundo Marti in Spanish to El Salvador	0		
Clandestine Radio Venceremos in Spanish to El Salvador	10580		

COLOMBIA

Bogota Cadena Radial Super in Spanish	350		
Bogota Emisoras Caracol Network in Spanish	1490		
Bogota INRAVISION Television Cadena 1 in Spanish	1120		
Bogota INRAVISION Television Cadena 2 in Spanish	1010		
Bogota EL SIGLO in Spanish			1050
Bogota EL TIEMPO in Spanish			1290

COSTA RICA

San Jose Radio Impacto in Spanish	1600		
San Jose Radio Reloj in Spanish	5190		

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
San Jose LA NACION in Spanish			240
San Jose LA PRENSA LIBRE in Spanish			0
San Jose LA REPUBLICA in Spanish			970
San Jose LIBERTAD REVOLUCIONARIA in Spanish			0
San Jose LIBERTAD in Spanish			0
San Jose RUMBO in Spanish			0
CUBA			
Havana International Service in Quechua	670		
Havana International Service in Spanish	7180		
Havana CUBAVISION Television in Spanish	0		
Havana PRENSA LATINA in English		0	
Havana PRENSA LATINA in Spanish		3170	
ECUADOR			
Quito Radio Quito in Spanish	1230		
Quito Voz de los Andes in Spanish	770		
EL SALVADOR			
San Salvador Canal Doce Television in Spanish	9440		
San Salvador Domestic Service in Spanish	0		
San Salvador La Voz Panamericana in Spanish	400		
San Salvador Radio Cadena Sonora in Spanish	1460		
San Salvador Radio Cadena YSKL in Spanish	6530		
San Salvador Radio Cadena YSU in Spanish	2520		
San Salvador TCS Television in Spanish	9240		
San Salvador Television Nacional in Spanish	1670		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
San Salvador DIARIO LATINO in Spanish			0
San Salvador EL DIARIO DE HOY in Spanish			800
San Salvador EL MUNDO in Spanish			970
San Salvador LA NOTICIA in Spanish			0
San Salvador LA PRENSA GRAFICA in Spanish			1870
FRANCE			
Paris AFP in Spanish		13850	
GERMANY			
Hamburg DPA in Spanish		5780	
GUATEMALA			
Guatemala City Cadena de Emisoras Unidas in Spanish	1260		
Guatemala City Radio Nuevo Mundo Network in Spanish	0		
Guatemala City Radio Television Guatemala in Spanish	3960		
Guatemala City EL GRAFICO in Spanish			3370
Guatemala City PRENSA LIBRE in Spanish			2910
HONDURAS			
Tegucigalpa Cadena Audio Video in Spanish	1750		
Tegucigalpa Radio America in Spanish	260		
Tegucigalpa Televisora Hondurena in Spanish	0		
Tegucigalpa Voz de Honduras Network in Spanish	0		
San Pedro Sula LA PRENSA in Spanish			380
San Pedro Sula TIEMPO in Spanish			1060

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Tegucigalpa EL HERALDO in Spanish			700
Tegucigalpa LA TRIBUNA in Spanish			210
JAMAICA			
Kingston JBC Television Feed in English	440		
MEXICO			
Mexico City Cadena RASA-IMER in Spanish	0		
Mexico City Red Nacional 13 IMEVISION Television in Spanish	990		
Mexico City XEW Television Network in Spanish	540		
Mexico City XHTV Television in Spanish	1130		
Mexico City CERIGUA in Spanish		1180	
Mexico City ENFOPRENSA in Spanish		640	
Mexico City EL DIA in Spanish			4480
Mexico City EL NACIONAL in Spanish			6210
Mexico City EXCELSIOR in Spanish			3310
Mexico City THE NEWS in English			4540
Mexico City UNOMASUNO in Spanish			7900
NICARAGUA			
Managua International Service in Spanish	150		
Managua Domestic Service in Spanish	37580		
Managua Radio Catolica in Spanish	8460		
Managua Radio Noticias in Spanish	3050		
Managua Radio Sandino in Spanish	47000		
Managua Sistema Sandinista Television Network in Spanish	1180		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Managua ANN Diplomatic Information Service in Spanish		0	
Managua ANN in Spanish		4130	
Managua NOTISAL in Spanish		0	
Managua NOTISAL-SALPRESS in Spanish		0	
Managua PRENSA LATINA in Spanish to PRENSA LATINA Havana		680	
Managua BARRICADA in Spanish			4360
Managua EL NUEVO DIARIO in Spanish			2100
Managua LA PRENSA in Spanish			4020
PANAMA			
Panama City Cadena Exitosa in Spanish	4570		
Panama City Circuito RPC Television in Spanish	3450		
Panama City Domestic Service in Spanish	7760		
Panama City Panavision Television in Spanish	0		
Panama City Radio Exitosa in Spanish	1410		
Panama City Telemetro Television in Spanish	2710		
Panama City Television Service in Spanish	210		
Panama City Televisora Nacional in Spanish	4000		
Panama City Radio Ritmo in Spanish	330		
Panama City ACAN in Spanish		13190	
Panama City CRITICA in Spanish			6470
Panama City DIALOGO SOCIAL in Spanish			0
Panama City EL SIGLO in Spanish			0
Panama City EXTRA in Spanish			0
Panama City LA ESTRELLA DE PANAMA in Spanish			12650

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Panama City LA PRENSA in Spanish			0
Panama City LA REPUBLICA DOMINICAL in Spanish			3410
Panama City LA REPUBLICA in Spanish			2340
Panama City MATUTINO in Spanish			2720
Panama City QUIUBO GRAFICO in Spanish			0
Panama City THE SUNDAY REPUBLIC in English			0
Panama City EL SIGLO DOMINICAL in Spanish			0
PERU			
Lima Domestic Service in Spanish	0		
Lima Panamericana Television Network in Spanish	1520		
Lima Television Peruana in Spanish	13280		
SPAIN			
Madrid EFE in Spanish		11820	
USSR			
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in Spanish	440		
Moscow in Spanish to Latin America	3250		
Moscow in Spanish to Cuba	420		
VENEZUELA			
Caracas Television Service in Spanish	1080		
Caracas EL NACIONAL in Spanish			160
Caracas EL UNIVERSAL in Spanish			630

PANAMA BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR DECEMBER 1987 -- ANNEXTOTALS FROM ROSET SOURCES

COLOMBIA	
Bogota INRAVISION Television Cadena 1 in Spanish	1,120
Bogota INRAVISION Television Cadena 2 in Spanish	1,010
CUBA	
Havana PRENSA LATINA in Spanish	3,170
JAMAICA	
Kingston JBC Television Feed in Spanish	440
MEXICO	
Mexico City Red Nacional 13 IMEVISION Television in Spanish	990
Mexico City XEW Television Network in Spanish	540
Mexico City XHTV Television in Spanish	1,130
Mexico City CERIGUA in Spanish	1,180
Mexico City ENFOPRENSA in Spanish	640
NICARAGUA	
Managua ANN in Spanish	4,130
Managua PRENSA LATINA in Spanish to PRENSA LATINA Havana	310
PERU	
Lima Panamericana Television Network in Spanish	1,520
Lima Television Peruana in Spanish	13,280

VENEZUELA	
Caracas Television Service in	
Spanish	1,080
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TOTAL FOR DECEMBER 1987	30,540